

DECLARATION – PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application on the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING PIPE", filed herewith. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code of the following: U.S. Application Ser. No. 60/567,235 filed 1 May 2004 and I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code of PCT Application PCT/GB2004/050001, Int'l Filing Date 16 Aug. 2004, entitled "Apparatus And Method For Handling Pipe" [Publication No. WO 2005/106185 A1, published on 10 Nov. 2005] insofar as any subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in these prior Applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.32, the undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified patent application by virtue of an assignment submitted concurrently herewith for recordation elects to conduct the prosecution of the application to the exclusion of the inventors. The assignee hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney and appoints the following to prosecute this application and to transact all business in and to act on behalf of the undersigned in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding all matters connected therewith:

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